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Sadat attacks Arab critics

CARIO, April 16 (R)—President Anwar Sadat in a wide-ranging speech today stressed that East Jerusalem must be returned to the Arabs, attacked his Arab critics and called for a new approach to stop the exploitation of the Islamic religion for political ends. Speaking to professors of the Egyptian Ein Shams University, President Sadat said Egypt "will never accept Israeli sovereignty over (Arab) Jerusalem." Defending the peace treaty, President Sadat accused Arab leaders who criticised it of "ignorance, backwardness and emotionalism." He claimed that because of this "negative" approach, Israel had gained not just part of Palestine but the whole of Palestine, the Syrian Golan Heights and Egyptian Sinai. "They want the state to be styled after (Iranian leader Ayatollah) Khomeini. Well, there is nothing easier: Summary trials and execution of 10 or 20 people a day."

plane crashes in Vietnam

April 16 (R)—Radio Hanoi said today an intruding plane crashed in northern Vietnam and the pilot was killed. The plane, monitored in Bangkok, said Vietnam had shot it down. The broadcast said the plane was a U.S. F-4 Phantom II. The broadcast said the plane was shot down by a Vietnamese aircraft. The broadcast said the plane was shot down by a Vietnamese aircraft. The broadcast said the plane was shot down by a Vietnamese aircraft.

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Shabi resists, Taleghani draws from public life

(Agencies)—Karim Sanjabi, a prominent Iranian opposition leader, today announced his resignation from the Islamic Revolutionary Guards. He said he was resigning because of his disagreement with the guards' tactics.

The Ayatollah's two sons are leftists and their sudden arrest aroused speculation that a purge of the left had begun. Meanwhile, Iran's revolutionary leaders today executed seven more adherents of the old regime, bringing the number of persons shot to 136 including 27 generals since the Islamic revolution in February.

The state radio one of the seven persons killed, Brig. Gen. Ahmad Hamadi Ashtiani, was executed in Tehran. The others were shot in provincial cities throughout the country.

It was the second straight day of demonstrations by youths protesting the arrest and detention of Ayatollah Taleghani's family members. They marched through parts of the capital blocking traffic and on the campus of Tehran University. At Nation's Park, youths waved photographs of Ayatollah Taleghani while several shouted "Down with Khomeini." Anti-Khomeini slogans were scrawled on at least one wall in the capital.

The government Sunday characterised the beating and 24-hour detention of Ayatollah Taleghani's two sons and a daughter-in-law as "irresponsible."

In other developments, the state radio reported that 15 British employees of the Foster Wheeler Company who had been held hostage by some Iranian workers of the firm, were released unharmed Sunday afternoon.

A company spokesman said the workers were angry over the firm's policy on redundancy payment and had decided to take their British colleagues hostage until their demands were met.

The "Voice of" indicated the decision was a result of protest and day detention.

Hussein, Noor visit Madrid

MADRID, April 16 (Agencies)—His Majesty King Hussein and Her Majesty Queen Noor arrived here from Morocco today for a private visit expected to last one day. They were welcomed at Madrid's Barajas airport by King Juan Carlos.

The royal party left the airport by helicopter for the Spanish king's Zarzuela palace, where they were dinner guests tonight.

King Hussein and Queen Noor had ended a 24-hour visit to Rabat during which His Majesty held talks with King Hassan of Morocco.

It is understood that the talks dealt mainly with the Middle East situation following the Baghdad conference and the signing of the bilateral peace treaty between Egypt and Israel.

Dayan sparks furor with Golan remarks

TEL AVIV, April 16 (Agencies)—Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan sparked a furor Monday with a remark suggesting that Israel might have to evacuate its settlements on the Golan Heights in exchange for peace with Syria.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin called Mr. Dayan in to his office Monday morning for clarification. In parliament, members of both government and opposition parties demanded to hear an explanation, and Israel Radio reported that a minister in Mr. Begin's cabinet, who was not identified, wanted Mr. Dayan's resignation.

Mr. Dayan started the fuss Sunday night during a meeting with Israelis living in the Jordan River Valley, part of the occupied West Bank. The settlers asked whether they might have to leave their homes, like the Israelis who will be evacuated from the Sinai Peninsula as Egypt resumes its rule.

In reply, Mr. Dayan stressed that there was no comparison because no country had ever been recognised as the sovereign ruler of the West Bank, while Egypt's rule over Sinai and Syria's rule over the Golan Heights had been recognised in the international community.

Sometime in the future, he said, "we may have to decide what Israel wants: the Golan Heights without peace with Syria, or peace with Syria without the settlements of the Golan Heights."

Although the foreign minister also said that Israel might decide it is not possible to reach a peace agreement with Syria, he was criticised for appearing to forecast the outcome of negotiations if Syria were to decide to join peace talks with Israel.

Israeli Radio quoted a member of the Labour Party opposition as saying Mr. Dayan's statement "pulls the ground from under our feet in possible future negotiations with Syria." Yaacov Tsor, leader of a kibbutz movement, said Mr. Dayan was inviting pressure from the United States to withdraw from the Golan.

Gaula Cohen, a member of Mr. Begin's Likud Bloc, tried to interrupt a parliament debate on another matter and force a discussion of Mr. Dayan's remark but was unsuccessful.

In an interview with Israel Radio, Mr. Dayan repeated his belief that the Golan area has been recognised internationally as belonging to Syria.

Asked if this meant Israel is prepared to withdraw completely from the Heights, he replied: "No, it does not mean that... What I said about the differences between (the West Bank) and the Golan Heights does not mean that Israel should or will be ready to withdraw from the Golan Heights."

PLO commandos attack El Al plane in Brussels

BRUSSELS, April 16 (Agencies)—Four Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) commandos today attacked an Israeli airliner at Brussels airport and injured 12 people, a Belgian police officer said.

The incident occurred early in the afternoon as an El Al Boeing 707 from Tel Aviv was landing at Zaventem International Airport.

16 kilometres from the centre of Brussels. The gunmen tossed a sort of hand grenade from a platform into the arrival hall, slightly wounding 12 people, said the officer, Col. de Vos.

Two of the attackers armed with submachine-guns then ran off towards a restaurant but were captured by police after an exchange of fire. One of them was wounded in the shoulder.

They threw away a written message asking the Belgian prime minister to come to the airport and demanding a plane to fly them out, the officer said.

Col. de Vos said three or four armed men were involved. The airport was closed and the terminal cleared as police searched the building for other gunmen.

About three hours after the incident, the airport was reopened and police set up road blocks around the area.

There were conflicting reports on how the shooting started. The colonel said the exchange erupted between police and the attackers. But Defence Minister Paul Vanden Boeynants told the Belgian News Agency that El Al security officials "who happened to be there" had opened fire first.

All the people wounded were Belgians, police sources said. Security officials said they had been expecting an attack at Brussels Airport.

A witness, who identified himself as Mario Possamai, a journalist for the Canadian Press News Agency, who had just arrived in Brussels from Toronto, said he heard "a burst of gunfire" and saw puffs of smoke from a corridor leading to the arrivals section.

"Heavily armed military police were swarming in by the time I got to the arrivals area, pushing crowds of travellers back."

He added that once outside the terminal, he saw numerous ambulances "including two huge field-hospital vans. I looked through the window and saw the operating lights on and doctors working furiously presumably on those wounded in the attack."

Mr. Possamai said that as soon as they entered the corridor from the tarmac he heard loudspeakers appeal for doctors.

In Tel Aviv, El Al Managing Director Mordachai Hod said Belgian police and El Al security men cooperated in foiling the attack.

Gen Hod said when the attack began, "El Al security men were in the area and heard the fire or the explosion. They rush to the place."

The director refused to say whether El Al personnel actually started the fire.

The El Al flight originated in Israel, with a stopover in Vienna before landing in Brussels. Passengers had already boarded the plane in Brussels, Gen Hod said.

The plane, Flight 334, was scheduled to take off shortly and return to Tel Aviv Monday night.

Bomb explodes in American cultural centre in Beirut

BEIRUT, April 16 (R)—A bomb exploded in the J.F. Kennedy American Cultural Centre here early today, the second attack on a U.S. installation in three weeks.

The building was empty when the five-pound bomb went off on the doorstep, bending back a steel security gate, wrecking the lobby and shattering windows up to 200 metres away.

A U.S. spokesman said there had been no injuries. Late last month two rockets slammed into the American embassy here and an unknown group called the Eagles of the Revolution claimed responsibility for the attack.

The bombing left a 60 centimetre wide crater on the doorstep. It had either been placed there or thrown over the iron railings around the building, the spokesman said.

Personal Briefs

(AP)—A U.S. embassy spokesman confirmed Ambassador to Cairo Hermann Eilts was resigning post at Boston University. Egypt's official Agency reported from Washington over the 57-year-old ambassador would be replaced by Alfred Atherton. The embassy spokesman said that Mr. Eilts was planning to leave but that he knew of no replacement.

Mr. Eilts has been ambassador to Cairo since the 1967 Middle East war.

(AP)—An Egyptian weekly magazine has replaced Ahmed Zaki Yamani who he replaced as minister in an expected cabinet shake up. Rose said in its latest issue that Crown Prince is the foreign ministry portfolio and that the minister, Prince Saud Al Faisal, would take over the reason was given for the purported change.

SALEM, April, 16 (R)—Israeli and Egyptian officials met in Sinai on Tuesday to start negotiations from oil fields under the peace treaty between the two countries. The deputy director-general in the ministry, Mr. Ami Ben Basat, said today Israeli officials would then travel to the site of the oil fields to discuss the handover. The for the return of the fields to Egypt in seven days said several aspects of the matter were still under discussion.

TEL AVIV, April 16 (AP)—An Israeli delegation visited China secretly last month for a tentative opening of talks about setting up commercial ties, Israeli newspapers reported Monday. The foreign ministry spokesman claimed to know nothing about the story, and Israel Radio quoted Gideon Patti, minister of commerce and industry, as denying that Israel had been to China.

The articles in the Haaretz and Yediot Aharonot newspapers did not identify the Israelis who supposedly went to China, but Haaretz said they went in a private plane owned by an Israeli entrepreneur who has extensive business in the Far East.

Yediot noted that Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan has scheduled a trip to Burma, Thailand, the Philippines and Nepal next week, and speculated that he would check into the possibility of opening relations while he is in Asia.

Last year, after visiting Romania, Mr. Dayan said he hoped that President Nicolae Ceausescu would pass word to Peking about Israel's interest in opening relations with China. But for now, according to the news stories, Israel would like to open commercial ties with China and recognises that there would have to be further progress in implementing the Israel-Egypt peace treaty before Peking could consider diplomatic ties with Israel.

16 (R)—Iraq has decided to increase air fares or flights to Middle Eastern, European and other regions by 10 per cent effective May 1, a spokesman for the Organisation for Arab Air Transport said today. The measure was taken by the international Air Transport Association, which has concluded air excluded from the new rates, the spokesman said.

Egypt's membership in Arab economic bodies suspended

KUWAIT, April 16 (Agencies)—The Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa Monday, expelled Egypt from its membership. An official announcement said the Bank's governors also decided during a meeting here to close the bank's offices in Cairo.

This was Egypt's second expulsion from Arab economic institutions in two days. Finance ministers from 18 Arab states voted here Sunday to suspend Egypt's membership in the \$400 million Arab Fund for Social and Economic Development.

The Egyptian delegation walked out from the meetings of both financial institutions staged here. Meanwhile, Arab oil ministers adjourned until Tuesday their meeting here to decide the expulsion of Egypt from the nine member Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC).

But sources of the OAPEC conference which convened earlier in the day said the ministers had already decided to suspend Egypt's membership in the Arab oil organisation.

The source said most of the discussion in Monday's two sessions was devoted to the more complicated question of Egypt's expulsion from three OAPEC-owned companies.

The companies are: The Arab Petroleum Investment Company (capital, \$2 billion), The Arab Maritime Petroleum Transport company (\$221 million) and the Arab Petroleum Services Company (\$320 million).

Mr. McGovern also said Washington's relations with Saudi Arabia had been strained by last month's Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty. "They (the Saudis) are reacting more critically than we had anticipated. The relations are not as good as one would hope."

In a separate interview, former U.S. Undersecretary of State George Ball was quoted as saying: "If there were a threat of external aggression to the oil supplies, then the U.S. would have to seriously consider some kind of direct action. But I don't see that as a serious possibility."

Asked about the PLO's threat to attack American interests, Mr. Ball was quoted as replying: "I cannot believe they would be well advised to do these things. It would strengthen the position of Israel in American public opinion."

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"The U.S. is disregarding objective facts (when) it believes that what is good for implementing the first stage of the Camp David agreement is (necessarily) good for implementing the second stage of the agreement, which seeks to deal with the Palestinian issue. (That fact is that) the United States is walking on a road that can only lead to destruction," the paper concludes.

It all seems to us a sensible idea. The whole settlements issue is becoming too much of a provocation and an impediment to the peace we search for us to content ourselves any longer just with words.

No country in West Asia is happy about the burden of ever-increasing defence budgets which drain national resources and hamper socio-economic progress. Yet under the present circumstances, subsequent economic prosperity leading to peace is almost impossible. The transition in the Arab World which we have been discussing is heavily conditioned by this state of affairs. If one adds to it the present internal upheavals in several countries of the area, the overall prospect of genuine regional stability looks ever

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National News Roundup

Amman venue for 3 transport union meets

By a Jordan Times staff reporter

AMMAN, April 16.—The Arab Land Transport Union today concluded three days of meetings here during which a board of directors was elected.

The union is composed of land transport companies with a capital of \$300,000 or more which carry either freight or passengers. Jordanian companies represented are the JETT bus company, the Jordanian-Syrian Land Transport Company and the city bus company in Amman. Other countries represented are Iraq, Libya, Tunisia, Lebanon and the Yemen Arab Republic. The board includes two members each from Jordan, Iraq and Libya, and one member each from Tunisia, Lebanon and Yemen.

The union was established last year by the Council of Arab Economic Unity to forge cooperation among members in developing and facilitating land transport. Maritime and railway unions established at the same time have also been meeting here this week.

The Arab Maritime Union, made up of shipping companies from Jordan, Syria, Iraq, Kuwait and Libya met April 13-15. A representative from each country was chosen to sit on the union's board. Member companies must own one or more ships valued at a total of \$1 million or more.

The railway union will hold its first meeting tomorrow.

LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

U.S. dollar	303.00-305.00
U.K. sterling	630.00-634.00
West German mark	159.10-160.10
Swiss franc	175.20-176.30
French franc	69.30-69.70
Italian lire	for every 100: 35.90-36.10
Japanese yen	for every 100: 146.30-147.20
Dutch guilder	147.10-148.00
Belgian franc	for every 100: 100.50-101.10
Swedish crown	69.00-69.40

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Medical, engineering students readmitted to U of J

AMMAN, April 16 (JNA).—Dr. Mahmoud Al Samrah, Acting President of the University of Jordan, made a statement on today in which he said that: "In response to the decision of the university council of deans, second, third, fourth and fifth year medical students as well as third and fourth year engineering and technology students have applied for readmission, pledging to abide by the university regulations and rules. The students were issued new I.D. cards, and are scheduled to resume their studies on Wednesday."

Jordan River bridges to close for two days

AMMAN, April 16 (JNA).—Bridges across the Jordan River will be closed for two days starting Tuesday, April 17, it was officially announced here today.

Coming & Going

Saudi Information Minister leaves

AMMAN, April 16 (JNA).—Saudi Arabian Minister of Information Mohammad Abdo Yamani and his accompanying delegation left Amman yesterday at the end of a one-day visit to Jordan for talks with Minister of Information Adnan Abu Odeh. The talks dealt with ways of strengthening cooperation between Jordan and Saudi Arabia in the field of information. Dr. Yamani said in a statement at Amman airport.

Central Bank director leaves for Kuwait

AMMAN, April 16 (JNA).—Central Bank Executive Director Mohammad Jaser left for Kuwait today to take part in the

meeting of the Inter-Arab Investment Guarantee Corporation which starts tomorrow. Participants during the two-day meeting will discuss ways of expanding the corporations' activities in the field of economic and social development in the Arab world, and means of encouraging Arab investors to employ capital in Arab projects. All the Arab states with the exception of Oman and the Democratic Republic of Yemen are members of the Kuwait-based corporation whose capital is nearly KD 25 million. The corporation, founded in 1971 provides for guarantees for Arab investors against losses suffered from expropriation, nationalisation and other non-commercial risks on investments in Arab countries. It also provides for promotion of research to identify investment opportunities and climates in member countries.

Jordanian, Saudi Arabian talks held on bilateral security

AMMAN, April 16 (JNA).—Jordanian-Saudi Arabian talks were held here yesterday and today to put into force a bilateral agreement on security matters which was signed last year. The agreement provides among other things for facilitating travel of Jordanian and Saudi Arabian citizens between the two countries and the movement of Bedouin tribes and their livestock across the common border, especially during the grazing seasons. At today's session the two teams agreed on coordinating the two countries' measures to counter smuggling operations, infiltration and criminal activity, the under-secretary of the Ministry of Interior, Eid Abu Karaki, said today. The two sides are agreed that a new bilateral agreement on extradition of criminals should be drawn up, he added.

World Bank approves \$15 m. electrification loan

WASHINGTON, April 16 (UPI).—The World Bank said today it has approved a \$15 million loan to help finance an electrical power project in central Jordan. The bank said the \$53.5 million project supported by the loan will provide additional power to about 46,000 people in 33 villages. The loan is for 17 years, including a four-year grace period, at seven per cent.

Soviet delegation concludes meetings on shale

AMMAN, April 16 (JNA).—A Soviet delegation Monday concluded discussions with several Jordanian officials on cooperation between Jordan and the Soviet Union in the field of exploiting oil-bearing shale in Jordan. Dr. Ibrahim Badran, Planning Director at the Jordan Electricity Authority, pointed out that the talks had encouraging results.

Jordanian passports to be issued in one day

AMMAN, April 16 (JNA).—Mohammad Al Qudrah, Director General of the Passport Department announced on Monday that: "Any citizen wishing to obtain a new passport can apply for one, and get it on the same day he pays the stipulated fees." "High school students wishing to obtain new passports are advised to apply for their passports before the beginning of summer and the arrival of huge numbers of Jordanians who work abroad," he told JNA.

Iraqi Youth Minister meets Badran

AMMAN, April 16 (JNA).—The visiting Iraqi Minister of Youth, Karim Hussein Mahmoud, called on Prime Minister Mudar Badran today to discuss ways of promoting relations between Iraq and Jordan in cultural and youth affairs. Earlier in the day the Iraqi Minister and his Jordanian counterpart, Sharif Fawwaz Sharaf, explored ways of initiating cooperation in cultural activities.

Premier visits dam project

AMMAN, April 16 (JNA).—Prime Minister Mudar Badran yesterday made an inspection visit to the Maqarin Dam project now being constructed across the Yarmouk river close to the border with Syria. The prime minister, who was accompanied by the health minister and several officials, was briefed on the various phase of work for the project.

According to the director of the project, when the dam is completed it will be 130 metres high, 900 metres long and the width at its base will be 800 metres. The lake that will form behind the dam will hold nearly 325 million cubic metres of water, which will be used for irrigation projects and to supply drinking water for Amman and Irbid, in addition to generating electric power.

The project is estimated to cost JD 200 million, with most of the funds coming from Arab and international loan sources.

After his visit to the dam site, the prime minister inspected housing projects schools and a medical centre under construction at the North Shuneh.

During his tour the prime minister met with farmers of the Jordan Valley region, heard their requests and was briefed on their plans and agricultural projects.

TODAY'S WEATHER

The weather will be fair with light and variable winds becoming northwesterly moderate. In Aqaba the weather will be hazy with northerly moderate winds and calm seas.

	Overnight	Daytime
Amman	6	22
Aqaba	14	28
Deserts	6	22
Jordan Valley	12	27

AMMAN STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

NAME OF COMPANY	Par Value	Volume Traded	Last Buying Offer	Last Selling Offer	Closing Price
Jordan Petroleum Co.	JD 5,000	590	6,760	6,790	6,780
Jordan Cement Factories	JD 10,000	2,820	—	14,200	14,100
Jordan Phosphate Mines	JD 1,000	330	—	2,230	2,200
Arab Pharmaceutical Co.	JD 5,000	5,077	22,600	22,900	22,750
General Mining Co.	JD 1,000	506	0,910	0,930	0,920
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1,000	1,343	1,420	1,430	1,420
Arab Aluminium Co.	JD 1,000	930	0,920	0,940	0,930
Jordan Bank	JD 5,000	4,632	7,350	7,450	7,400
Arab Bank	JD 10,000	11,050	—	90,000	89,000
Arab International Investment and Trade Co.	JD 5,000	1,225	—	3,700	3,700
Jordan Spinning and Weaving Co.	JD 1,000	142	0,710	0,730	0,710
Garage Owner's Federation Office Co.	JD 1,000	1,060	—	—	5,300

Total volume traded, Monday, April 16: JD 29,705
Total number of shares traded: 4,807

Government Development Bonds	Par Value	Volume Traded	Number Traded	Year of Maturity	Selling Price
JD 5,000	50	10	10	1979	5,010
JD 5,000	729	140	140	1982	5,250
JD 5,000	894	174	174	1986	5,140
JD 10,000	2,060	200	200	1988	10,300

Total volume traded: JD 3,733
Total number of bonds traded: 524

Arab solar energy course opens at RSS

AMMAN, April 16 (JNA).—A course on the extensive use of solar energy in desalination of sea water, heating and air conditioning and all types of agriculture, will look into research programmes on the extensive use of solar energy in desalination of sea water, heating and air conditioning and all types of agriculture.

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WHAT'S GOING ON

Geographic Exhibit

Cultural Centre is displaying an exhibition of maps, historical equipment organised by the Jordan National Centre and the French Mapping Group. The exhibit is open during regular hours.

American Films

Cultural Centre presents two films, the first entitled "Holocaust" at 6:00 p.m., and the second, "The Holocaust" at 7:00 p.m. It is necessary to reserve seats before noon.

Photo Exhibit

Cultural Centre presents a display of photos to commemorate the 109th birthday of Lenin. Open during regular hours.

German Film

Cultural Centre presents a film by R.W. Fassbinder entitled "Pest" at 8:00 p.m., subtitled in English. This will be a documentary about a miner entitled "Ein Bergmanns Leben".

Symposium

Cultural Centre presents a slide-illustrated symposium on "Les principes d'elaboration des cartes geographiques" by Rene Thomas, Christian Chenez and Marcel Chenez. The symposium starts at 6:30 p.m.

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Bjorn Borg wins Monte Carlo tournament

MONTE CARLO, April 16 (R) — Bjorn Borg of Sweden demolished American Vitas Gerulaitis 6-2, 6-1, 6-3 to win the Monte Carlo Grand Prix Tennis Tournament, the first big event on the European clay court calendar. Borg was in his most irrepensible form, losing his concentration only once despite the one-sided nature of the contest. That was in the final set after he had taken a 4-0 lead. Gerulaitis managed to break service and fought back to trail by 5-3. But then Borg produced a thunderous service game to wrap up the match, maintaining his 100 per cent record against the American in tournament play. A record crowd of almost 7,000 packed the stadium to cheer home "local boy" Borg who has a home here.

Canadian wins Race of Champions

BRANDS HATCH, England, April 16 (R) — Gilles Villeneuve on Canada, one of international motor racing's fastest-rising stars, sped to victory in the Race of Champions here yesterday. The 27-year-old Canadian, driving a Ferrari, had 15 seconds to spare at the finish of the Formula One non-championship race over runner-up Nelson Piquet, the promising young Brazilian driver. Piquet, in a Brabham, was followed over the line by reigning world champion Mario Andretti of the United States in a Lotus.

Villeneuve, who was scoring his third major success of the season following victories in the South African and U.S. Grand Prix, fought a tremendous battle with Andretti for much of the race. He took the lead on the eighth of the 40 laps, surrendered it to Andretti on the 11th, then stalked the American for the next 17 circuits before going back in front again. From then on he never looked like being caught. He completed the 167 kilometres in 53 minutes 17.12 seconds at 189.45 kilometres per hour.

Australians lead in swimming meet

LONDON, April 16 (R) — Australia's compact swimming squad grabbed six first places and three seconds to take a commanding lead at the end of the first day of finals at the annual Crystal Palace International Meeting here yesterday. Tracey Wickham, holder of three world records, won both of her events in style, with an unexpected gain in the 100 metres butterfly race. She also captured the 400 metres freestyle in 4:13.17, nearly seven seconds slower than the world record she set last year.

Her team-mate Lisa Curry bettered her own Australian record with a 2:18.95 swim in the women's 200 metres individual medley without being pressed, and Lisa Forrest took the 100 metres backstroke by the merest touch from Romania's experienced Carmen Bunaciu.

The Australian men took two events, but Mark Morgan and Graeme Brewer, finishing 1-2 in the 200 metres freestyle, fell just short of their bid for the Commonwealth record of 1:51.94 held by Canada's Peter Szmidt. Morgan touched in 1:52.42.



Baseball Standings

American League

EAST

Milwaukee
Boston
New York
Toronto
Detroit
Baltimore
Cleveland

W	L	Pct.	GB
6	2	.750	—
4	2	.667	1
5	4	.556	1½
4	4	.500	2
2	4	.333	3
3	6	.333	3½
1	6	.142	4½

WEST

Texas
Minnesota
California
Kansas City
Seattle
Chicago
Oakland

W	L	Pct.	GB
6	1	.857	—
7	2	.778	—
7	3	.700	½
5	3	.625	1½
5	6	.455	3
2	6	.250	4½
1	9	.100	6½

Sunday's games

Kansas City 12, Toronto 10.
Boston 14, Cleveland 4.
New York 6, Chicago 5.
Milwaukee 4, Baltimore 2.
Detroit 11, Texas 6.
California 8, Oakland 1.
Minnesota 18, Seattle 6.

EAST

Montreal
Philadelphia
St. Louis
Pittsburgh
New York
Chicago

National League

W	L	Pct.	GB
5	2	.714	—
4	3	.571	1
4	3	.571	1
4	5	.444	2
3	4	.429	2
1	4	.200	3

WEST

Houston
San Francisco
Cincinnati
Los Angeles
Atlanta
San Diego

W	L	Pct.	GB
7	3	.700	—
7	4	.636	½
5	6	.455	2½
5	6	.455	2½
4	6	.400	3
4	7	.364	3½

Sunday's games

Philadelphia 3-6, New York 2-3,
St. Louis 9, Pittsburgh 4, 10 innings.
Chicago 5, Montreal 1.
Houston 4-9, San Francisco 3-1.
Atlanta 11, Los Angeles 4.
San Diego 6-5, Cincinnati 3-7.

Brian Barnes wins Portuguese Open

VILAMOURA, Portugal, April 16 (R) — Brian Barnes won the Portuguese Open Golf Championship here yesterday. Barnes shot 72 for a four round total of 288, two strokes ahead of Francisco Abreu of Spain, South African Dale Hay and 291.

Safari-Motor Rally leaders

NAIROBI, April 16 (R) — The following were the leaders with 295 kilometres (183 miles) of the Safari-Motor Rally to go: 1. Sheikh Mehta (Kenya), Datsun; 2. Hannu Mikkola (Finland), Fiat; 3. Mercedes Benz; 4. Markku Alen (Finland), Fiat; 5. Andrew Cowan (British), stone Syer (British), Mercedes Benz.

White House to decide on Olympic bid

WASHINGTON, April 16 (AP) — The U.S. government is expected to announce approval this week of a request to stage the 1980 Winter Games. But the additional \$500 million may fall short of what the financially troubled LPOOC needs to meet construction cost overruns and other expenses. The White House is expected to announce the decision on the proposal to free between \$7.5 and \$10 million by the U.S. Commerce Department's Economic Development Administration, which is already spending roughly \$57 million on the event. New York State is spending an additional \$20 million on construction costs.

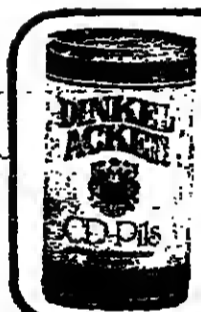
The New York Times reported in its Saturday edition the White House had already quietly decided to contribute funds. Officials for the White House, Chamber Department LPOOC all said Friday they knew of no decision on the request but expected an announcement this week.

Turkey downs England in basketball match

ISTANBUL, April 16 (R) — Turkey won group "A" European Basketball Championship when they beat England 73-63 in the final match yesterday. They now go forward to challenge tournament in Greece next month. In an earlier match, Denmark beat Algeria 91-86. Turkey won all four of their matches, England three, Portugal two, Denmark one and a none.

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Catastrophic quake hits Adriatic coast; at least 235 killed

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, April 16 (AP)—Tens of thousands of persons spent the night in the open after an earthquake yesterday devastated parts of the Adriatic coastline in southern Yugoslavia and Albania and killed at least 235 persons.

Doctors flown in from across Yugoslavia treated hundreds of injured in makeshift relief centres. Rescue workers, using specially-trained dogs, searched more than a dozen coastal towns and villages for survivors or bodies buried in the rubble. Frogmen searched in coastal waters for persons whose homes slid into the sea. It was the strongest quake

ever recorded in Yugoslavia, although the toll was far less than that of the quake in Skopje, 160 kilometres to the east, in which more than 1,100 were killed.

Officials at Belgrade's Seismological Institute said the quake at 0620 GMT yesterday had the power of ten million tons of explosives. Hardest hit was a coastal strip in southern

Montenegro, from the town of Herceg-Novi on the north to Ucinj, 116 kilometres from the Albanian frontier.

The initial 50-second shock tore open hotels, hospitals, factories and homes along the coast. Buildings and roads slid into the sea. There were waves of violent aftershocks, and by evening more than 80 tremors had been reported.

"There is not a single house that has not been damaged in one way or another in Herceg-Novi," according to the mayor of the resort town.

Local officials said the quake leveled virtually all older buildings in 13 towns along the coast, a popular, sun-drenched tourist area. Roads and rail lines in the area were damaged and telephone, water and power lines were broken.

President Josip Broz Tito, who was vacationing near Herceg-Novi, visited the stricken area and ordered aides to mobilise rescue and relief operations. "Many families sustained a tragedy and these losses cannot be recovered," Mr. Tito said in a broadcast appeal to the nation for help.

The quake set buildings swaying as far away as West Germany, Austria and Hungary. In Salonika, Greece, Naples, Italy, and in Belgrade, the Yugoslav capital, people fled into the streets in panic.

On the Richter Scale, the reading of 6.5 for yesterday's quake indicates that it was five times stronger than the Skopje quake, which measured 6.0. Hundreds of foreign tourists who came to the sunny south Adriatic Riviera to spend the Easter holidays were being evacuated northward via Dubrovnik. According to latest official Yugoslav information, no foreigners were injured.

Thousands of Kampucheans said driven to Thai border by Vietnamese-led offensive

ARANYAPRATHET, Thailand, April 16 (R)—More than 50,000 Kampucheans have been pushed into a small salient of territory jutting into eastern Thailand by a new Vietnamese-led offensive, official sources said yesterday.

They said the Kampucheans, including Khmer Rouge soldiers loyal to ousted leader Pol Pot, appeared to have no escape route except into Thailand.

The Khmer Rouge soldiers yesterday moved the civilians in the salient, which lies about 20 kilometres south of this eastern frontier town, farther back from the border apparently to stop them fleeing to Thailand, the sources said.

Thai authorities had earlier refused to allow the mass of people to cross. Military sources here said the Thai army was afraid the Vietnamese-led forces of the new administration in Phnom Penh might follow the Khmer Rouge

soldiers and bring the fighting into Thailand.

The news agency of the Phnom Penh administration said yesterday Mr. Pol Pot and his deputy, Mr. Ieng Sary, had fled to Thailand after Vietnamese-led forces smashed their guerrilla stronghold.

But military sources here said they believed Pol Pot was still in Kampuchea, in the rugged southwestern Cardomom Mountains.

The rapid Vietnamese-led advance was part of an offensive in northwest Kampuchea apparently designed to clear the region of Khmer Rouge before the wet season starts late next month.

The military sources said the Thai army had mined the border area of the salient, leaving open sections through which people could flee if necessary. This would make it easier to disarm soldiers and separate them from civilians.

Success of U.S. policy on overseas arms sales said dependent on talks with USSR

WASHINGTON, April 16 (AP)—The future of American attempts to limit overseas arms sales will depend on what progress is made in getting the Soviet Union to curb its sales, a U.S. Senate report says.

The study by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said so far the Carter administration's effort to limit arms sales has not curtailed the flow of weapons to Third World countries and is being attacked by supporters and critics alike.

"It is criticised on the one hand for lack of vigorous implementation and on the other for placing the United States at a competitive disadvantage in the world's arms markets," said the study, which was released yesterday. "Both criticisms are partially accurate," it said.

The policy, announced nearly

two years ago, puts an annual cap on U.S. sales to all nations except members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation and Japan, Australia and New Zealand.

From 1974 to 1977, the United States held contracts on half the \$90 billion worth of military equipment and services sold to Third World countries.

Whether the American arms policy succeeds in the future will depend on the outcome of negotiations with the Soviet Union, the study said.

Those talks suffered a setback during their last round in Mexico City when the United States refused to discuss arms curbs in the Gulf, China or Korea, according to the study.

The talks "cannot as yet be considered a failure, but they may be on the brink of failure," it said. The report also said France and

Great Britain, Europe's leading arms suppliers, are reluctant to join the talks.

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In Kabul, Russians who came to Afghanistan last year after President Noon Mohammad Tarakki seized power in a coup have left city apartments for cramped quarters in the embassy compound, and are rarely seen outside.

"They have adopted a siege mentality," an Asian diplomat said. "They are obviously taking precautions in case the fighting reaches the capital."

The trouble has so far been confined to the provinces as Muslim tribesmen oppose the new government's left-wing reforms. Although the government appeared to be in control of major cities and roads, at least 60 Rus-



Struggling homeward

KAMPUCHEA — After the arrival of the new regime, these villagers are trying to return to their cities. They are stopped at city entrances where they camp while waiting for authorisation to live in the city again. (Gamma photo)

Guerrilla attack on Rhodesian fuel storage depot results in big losses

SALISBURY, Rhodesia, April 16 (AP)—Black nationalist guerrillas attacked and set fire to an oil storage depot in the southern garden town of Fort Victoria last night amid threats by their leaders to sabotage this week's Rhodesian elections.

Firefighters put out the blaze today after it raged through the night, a military spokesman here confirmed. Industry sources said almost a million gallons of diesel fuel and thousands more of petrol were destroyed.

Two tanks at the depot, which supplies fuel for the military and for farms and industries in the southeastern part of the country, were set ablaze, residents said.

Rhodesia is organising parliamentary elections to end nine decades of white domination and produce limited black majority rule. Guerrilla leaders Joshua Nkomo and Robert Mugabe have vowed to sabotage the elections, step up the six-year war for total black rule and overthrow the government that emerges.

Meanwhile, U.S. Congressman Stephen Solarz, head of the House Subcommittee of Africa, is one of two U.S. officials here to assess the prospects of a peace conference between the biraial transition government and the guerrilla leaders after the first black government is installed.

The guerrillas have rejected a

constitutional accord paving the way for limited black rule, signed by Prime Minister Ian Smith and three moderate black leaders—Bishop Abel Muzorewa, the Rev. Ndabeni Sithole and Chief Jeremiah chimu.

The constitution, which the guerrilla leaders want rewritten, provides for a black prime minister, black titular president and a 100-seat House of Assembly in which whites, who comprise three per cent of the population, will hold 28 places.

In a bid to win international recognition for the elections, some

70 mainly unofficial observers from at least eight countries—Australia, Britain, Canada, Belgium, France, Mauritius, the United States and West Germany—are expected to monitor the polls. Most had arrived by today, the day before the five-day elections begin.

Mr. Solarz, here with Congressman Robert Duncan of Oregon, was expected to leave later in the day for a tour of other African capitals and for talks with guerrilla leaders and the African heads of state who support them in their struggle.

Pakistan cabinet members persuaded to delay walkout

ISLAMABAD, April 16 (R)—Military ruler General Zia-ul-Haq, faced with the threat of a walkout by more than half his civilian cabinet, yesterday persuaded ministers to stay on for a few days until he can form a new government, informed sources said.

The Pakistan National Alliance (PNA) decided to withdraw its 13 members from the 22-strong government, apparently because they feared being linked with the execution earlier this month of former premier Zulfikar Ali Bhutto. The remainder of the cabinet comprises bureaucrats

and technocrats.

The PNA ministers had complained that they were not allowed to wield full powers over their departments and that in some cases the real power lay with army generals serving as heads of departments.

Alliance President Maulana Mufi Mahmud has stated that PNA ministers played no role in the decision to hang Mr. Bhutto, who was convicted of ordering the killing of a political opponent.

The alliance conveyed its decision to withdraw from the government to General Zia yesterday and an official statement said the ministers had agreed to continue in office for a few days.

The six-party alliance, which helped to topple Mr. Bhutto over charges of election rigging nearly two years ago, said it would continue to support the military regime.

The timing of the withdrawal, so soon after Mr. Bhutto's execution, is likely to be embarrassing for the army regime. When General Zia formed the cabinet last August it was generally believed he was attempting to spread responsibility for sentencing Mr. Bhutto to death.

Although he could form a new cabinet of technocrats, General Zia will find himself cut off from direct political support and could come under increasing pressure to lift curbs on political activity.

The decision to quit the government, however, apparently helped the alliance to overcome a split in its largest component party, the Moslem League. The split developed when the league's president disowned his representatives in the government.

For several months the alliance sidestepped the issue of granting recognition to any of the various factions that grew out of the squabble.

World News Briefs

Robbers make huge haul in Canadian capital

OTTAWA, April 16 (R)—Robbers who raided Ottawa's main post office on Easter Sunday took cash, cheques and what police described as the biggest robbery in Canadian history. The loot included an estimated \$2.5 million in American Express money orders and travel cheques, as well as cash, jewels and limited-edition train pass lockers, police said. The raiders also took Canadian and U.S. passports which could be sold illegally for large sums. They entered the building, which was guarded by a lone commissioner, through the back door.

House arrest of Bhutto's daughter extended

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan, April 16 (AP)—Miss Benazir Bhutto, daughter of executed former prime minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, was kept under house arrest for 15 more days, informed sources today. Miss Bhutto has been under house arrest for several months. She is a member of the National Assembly. Her mother, Mrs. Nusrat Bhutto, is acting chairman of Mr. Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party (PPP) under house arrest. The previous order putting Miss Benazir Bhutto under house arrest expired yesterday. The present period of detention for Mrs. Bhutto expires May 4. No official word was on whether that will be extended.

USSR-U.S. chemical warfare talks to continue

WASHINGTON, April 16 (R)—The United States and the Soviet Union said yesterday a seven-week round of talks in Geneva prohibiting chemical warfare had been useful and negotiations would resume at a date to be agreed on. In a joint statement, the countries said the talks were aimed at achieving the earliest possible completion of a joint initiative to be presented to the Geneva Conference on Disarmament. "The goal of the negotiations is achievement of an agreement which would provide for a complete and verifiable prohibition of the development, production and stockpiling of all chemical weapons, as well as providing for elimination of accumulated stocks of such weapons," they said. "The meetings which took place were useful. The delegation continued to work on bringing together their respective views on many of the issues related to a joint initiative." The talks began Feb. 21 and ended on April 12. It was the ninth in a series held in August, 1976.

Polisario draws line with Morocco, Mauritania

ALGIERS, April 16 (R)—The secretary-general of the Polisario Front, a guerrilla movement fighting for the independence of the Western Sahara, said his movement will have no contact with Morocco or Mauritania until they evacuate the territory. Speaking after a meeting with Algerian cabinet members, Mohammed Abdel-Aziz said the Polisario people would not mean at their disposal to liberate what he called the occupied territory. Western Sahara, a former Spanish colony, was under joint Moroccan and Mauritanian administration by Spain. The Polisario declared a ceasefire with Mauritania last year. It continued raids against Morocco. The movement held several rounds of inconclusive talks with Mauritanian officials last year.

Thousands of Basque separatists demonstrate

SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain, April 16 (AP)—An estimated 10,000 Basque separatists demonstrated in Spain's northern Basque country yesterday, the "Aberri Eguna" or day of the Basque nation. Despite cold and rain, the throng marched through San Sebastian streets carrying Basque flags and placards demanding government and autonomy. Thousands of other demonstrators turned out in two other Basque cities of Bilbao and Vitoria, as in nearby Pamplona. Led by Basque political leaders, they sang slogans in support of ETA, the Basque guerrilla organisation. The Madrid government for full independence of the Basque provinces from Spain. Under the republican government that ruled in the 1930s, the Basques enjoyed autonomy, but abolished after the late General Francisco Franco won the Civil War in 1939. Fifteen months ago the government of Adolfo Suarez returned provisional home rule to the Basque

U.K. recognises new Ugandan Government

LONDON, April 16 (R)—Britain yesterday announced recognition of the new Ugandan Government of President Yusef Lule. The British broke off diplomatic relations with the regime of Marshal Idi Amin in July 1976 after he had expelled several diplomats from Kampala. Speaking in a BBC Radio interview, Foreign Secretary David Owen said: "The time has now come when we should be offering as much help as we can." He said British Dr. Richard Posen had flown to Uganda from Nairobi. "He is making contact with the new government and that will be an act of recognition," Dr. Owen said. "He will be charged with finding out what we can do to help. I think they are going to great deal of help from the Commonwealth countries."

Viet refugee boat defies police warning

HONG KONG, April 16 (R)—A Vietnamese refugee boat about 570 people on board yesterday defied a police warning sailed into Hong Kong, whose refugee transit camps are full. A government spokesman said the 36-metre vessel was intercepted by a navy patrol craft in international waters just outside Hong Kong and dropped anchor there. But after standing off for several hours, the refugees sailed into Hong Kong despite a police warning it had no permission to enter. The boat was escorted by two launchers to an anchorage where the people on board were questioned about their status. The Hong Kong Government allows Vietnamese refugees to stay until they find new homes where. More than 8,000 "boat people" from Vietnam have here on small craft this year.

Pope appeals for universal peace in Easter address

VATICAN CITY, April 16 (R)—Pope John Paul wished the world a happy Easter yesterday and appealed for universal peace before a 300,000 crowd which spilled into the streets round St. Peter's Square.

The Polish-born Pontiff, celebrating his first Easter as leader of the world's 700 million Roman Catholics, delivered his speech "Urbi et Orbi" (to the city and the world) from the balcony of the Basilica. After saying mass in the colonnaded square, the Pontiff gave his Easter wishes in 32 languages, then expressed his hopes for peace to peoples of the Middle East, Africa, Asia and Latin America.

The Pope also recalled the plight of the world's starving children, a clear recognition of a few thousand peace marchers who had converged on St. Peter's to draw attention to this problem.

The protest march was halted briefly by police after demonstrators had crossed the Tiber from the city on their way to St. Peter's Square. Marchers said they were protesting at the world's annual \$380 billion spending on arms, while some 17 million children starved to death each year.

"I am thinking at this moment in particular of all those who are suffering for the lack of what is strictly necessary for existence, and above all of the little children," the Pontiff said in his speech.

The festive crowd, which included one group of pilgrims who had walked barefoot from the city of Assisi in central Italy, was far bigger than those of previous years and reflected the wide popularity of the new Pope.

The Pope described peace as the fruit of fundamental order. "Peace is the expression of respect for every human being's right to truth, freedom, justice and love," he said. "Man can never lose the hope of the victory of good. May this day become for us today the beginning of a new hope."

After his Italian address, televised to 27 nations round the world, the Pope spoke in other languages—many of the Eastern bloc—and apologised lightly for his past pronouncement. He said Polish was the only language he knew really well.

The Pope wished listeners in East Europe a happy Easter in Albanian, Croatian, Slovene, Czech, Slovak, Hungarian, Romanian, Bulgarian, Russian, Lithuanian, Latvian, Ukrainian, Armenian and Byelorussian. The crowd cheered loudly when he added an Easter greeting in Chinese.

As well as European languages, the Pope also sent greetings in Hindi, Japanese, Arabic, Ethiopian and Swahili.

An Italian military band played after his blessing and a platoon of Swiss guards snapped to attention as the crowd burst into applause shouting "Viva il Papa."

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